## **Grandview Update – January 2014**

<u>Advisory Team</u> - The Team met on January 13<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the Work Session with City Council. The January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

Resident Survey of Community Uses – The telephone survey will be implemented in late January. 400 residents will be surveyed via land-lines and cellular phones. Approximately 50 questions will be asked regarding resident preferences for community facilities in general and re-use of the former Public Works site in the Grandview neighborhood. Results are expected on February 13, 2014. These findings will inform the RFI process.

<u>Community Facility Inventory</u> – Weber Community Planning submitted their draft report. It will be reviewed by the Advisory Team at an upcoming meeting. The January 13<sup>th</sup> presentation was tabled due to lack of time. This report will be reviewed at a February meeting.

<u>City Council Work Session</u> – The co-chairs of the Advisory Team presented a progress update to the City Council on January 21<sup>st</sup>. This presentation identified several questions that are considered essential to move forward with the RFI but that the Advisory Team has not been able to answer. The work session presentation is found here:

http://edinamn.gov/edinafiles/files/City%20Council%20Staff%20Reports/012114\_CC\_Meeting/WS%20It em%20IV\_%20Grandview%20update%201-21-14.pdf

The presentation posed three possible outcomes and presented possible issues with each:

- Re-use for private development
- Re-use for mixture of public use and private development
- Re-use for virtually all public use

During the discussion, the five City Council members expressed different opinions and preferences regarding the process of determining the best re-use of the former Public Works site. There seemed to be general agreement that the City is NOT interested in merely selling the site for private development. There also seemed to be general concensus that a significant portion of the site should remain as a public/community use. The majority opinion was that the Advisory Team should continue to pursue a project that contains a combination of both public and private uses as originally outlined in the Grandview Development Framework.

At the end of the discussion, a majority of the Council directed the CAT to continue on the current path of preparing an RFI so that a potential development partner can be found. The Council directed that the RFI be submitted for final review by mid-March 2014.

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u> – Meetings are anticipated to be held on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>, and Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will begin at 6:30 PM and will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall.